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WE CONCUR WITH DELHI'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND AGREE WE SHOULD NOT ACCEDE TO PAK REQUEST TO ENGAGE USG AS GO-BETWEEN IN THIS STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY SHOULD SO ADVISE SATTAR, INDICATING THAT SINCE SIMLA AGREEMENT USG HAS CONSISTENTLY THOUGHT IT BEST THAT PARTIES THEMSELVES SORT OUT DIFFICULTIES AND THAT OUR INVOLVEMENT IN DETAILS OF NEGOTIATING PROCESS WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES. WE SYMPATHIZE WITH PAK CONCERN, AND HOPE THAT EACH OF PARTIES INVOLVED, INCLUDING SHEIKH MUJIB, WILL RECOGNIZE NEED FOR COMPROMISE IF MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED. RUSH

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